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Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management

Thirteenth meeting*

Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

Fourteenth meeting*

Geneva, 28–30 May 2018
Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the second joint meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Monday, 28 May 2018, at 3 p.m.**

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* Second joint meeting of the two working groups.

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II. Annotations

1. The thirteenth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the fourteenth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will be held jointly at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 28 May, and ending at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 May 2018. The meetings are being held jointly to exploit synergies in the work of the two bodies and also for reasons of economy. This is the second joint meeting. The thirteenth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment was held jointly with the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 3–4 July 2012).

2. The main objectives of the second joint meeting of the two working groups will be to:

(a) Discuss the results and lessons learned from the reporting exercise under the Water Convention and on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2, for which the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) are co-custodians;

(b) Discuss and agree on the draft programme of work for 2019–2021 under the Convention to be submitted to the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention for adoption at its eighth session (Astana, 10–12 October 2018);

(c) Discuss and agree on other documents and draft decisions to be submitted to the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties, in particular in the light of the implementation of the Convention at the global level.

3. The working languages for the meeting will be English, French, Russian and Spanish. All relevant documentation will be available on a dedicated page of the ECE Water Convention website.[1]

4. Considering the expected large participation at the meeting, participants are kindly requested to limit the length of their interventions to a maximum of two minutes; the Co-Chairs will strictly enforce this limit. Full statements provided to the secretariat will be posted on the meeting web page.

1. Opening of the session

Tentative timing: Monday, 28 May, 3–3.05 p.m.

5. Ms. Heide Jekel (Germany) and Ms. Lea Kauppi (Finland) are Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and Ms. Kauppi is Chair of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment. Ms. Jekel and Ms. Kauppi will serve as Co-Chairs for the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 28 May, 3.05–3.20 p.m.

6. The working groups are expected to adopt the agenda for their second joint meeting as set out in the present document.

7. The Co-Chairs will present the background and main objectives of the meeting. In particular, they will refer to the draft programme of work for 2019–2021 for the Convention, as the working groups will discuss it in detail. The process of preparing the draft future programme of work will also be outlined.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the second joint meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/1-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/1)

Programme of work for 2016–2018 (ECE/MP.WAT/49/Add.1)

[1] See https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=46374. Please note that documents with symbols ending in "INF." and a number are informal documents, and are only available from the meeting web page (and not from the Official Documents System of the United Nations).

Draft programme of work for 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/3-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/3)

Informal documents

Proposals for the programme of work for 2019–2021 from different bodies and workshops under the Water Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.1-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.1)

Main outcomes of the online survey exercise for the development of the programme of work for 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.2-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.2)

Main outcomes of the interviews carried out for the development of the programme of work 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.3-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.3)

3. Adoption of the report of the previous meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management

Tentative timing: Monday, 28 May, 3.20–3.35 p.m.

8. Members of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management will be invited to adopt the report of the Working Group's twelfth meeting (Geneva, 5–6 July 2017).

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management on its twelfth meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2017/2, forthcoming)

4. Monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters

Tentative timing: Monday, 28 May, 3.25–6 p.m.

9. The Co-Chair will provide an overview of past work and activities on monitoring and data exchange in transboundary basins, including the relevant policy and technical tools developed under the Convention, e.g.:

(a) *Strategies for Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters*;[2]

(b) *Monitoring of International Lakes: Background Paper for the Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary International Lakes*;[3]

(c) *Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary and International Lakes — Part A: Strategy Document*;[4]

(d) *Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary and International Lakes — Part B: Technical Guidelines*;[5]

[2] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.06.II.E.15. Available from https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=11683.

[3] Olli-Pekka Pietiläinen and Pertti Heinonen, eds. (Helsinki, Finnish Environment Institute, 2002). Available from http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=20166.

[4] ECE Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (2002), online document available from http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=20166.

(e) *Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers*;[6]

(f) *Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Groundwaters*.[7]

10. The Co-Chairs will also present the proposed activities in the draft programme of work for 2019–2021.

11. The working groups will discuss specific experiences in monitoring and assessing transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters.

12. Based on inputs from different partners on their work in relation to data monitoring and exchange, the working groups will discuss specific activities for the future programme of work in this field, in particular the topics to be tackled in the proposed global workshop on data exchange planned for 2019.

5. Progress in the ratification process and recent accession

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 29 May, 10–10.40 a.m.

13. The secretariat will inform participants about the status of ratification of the Water Convention. In particular it will highlight that the amendments to articles 25 and 26 opening the Convention for accession by non-ECE countries entered into force on 6 February 2013 and became operational on 1 March 2016, turning the Convention into a universally available framework for transboundary water cooperation.

14. On 23 May 2018, Chad will become the first country from outside the pan-European region to become a Party to the Convention. The working groups will celebrate this important development. A representative of Chad will be invited to share the reasons for the country's accession, the process and lessons learned. Other countries will report on their efforts towards acceding to the Water Convention.

Documentation

Informal document

Ratification status of the Water Convention, its amendments and protocols (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.4-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.4)

[6] ECE Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (2003), online document available from http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=20166.

[7] ECE Task Force on Monitoring and Assessment, *Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers: First Review of the 1996 Guidelines on Water-quality Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Work Programme 1997–2000* (March 2000). Available from http://www.iwacportal.org/?page=8.

[8] ECE Task Force on Monitoring and Assessment, *Guidelines on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Groundwaters: First Review of the 1996 Guidelines on Water-quality Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Work Programme 1997–2000* (March 2000). Available from http://www.iwacportal.org/?page=8.

6. The global Convention — promotion and partnerships

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 29 May, 10.40–11.45 a.m.

(a) Promoting accession by raising awareness of the Convention and developing capacity to implement its provisions

15. The working groups will be informed about activities carried out by the secretariat, Parties and partners to build capacity and raise awareness of the Convention, such as:

(a) The national workshop, "Information sharing workshop on the Convention on the Protection and Use of transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes: Senegal's accession process" organized at the request of Senegal (Dakar, 15 February 2018);

(b) The national workshop for Ghana on international water conventions (Accra, 25 January 2018);

(c) The subregional workshop on transboundary water cooperation in the northern African countries (Tunis, 20–21 December 2017), "Enhancing transboundary water cooperation in the North Africa region";

(d) Support to the negotiation meeting of the regional convention on the prevention of conflicts in a transboundary setting in Central Africa (Brazzaville, 18–22 December 2017);

(e) Other initiatives at the regional and global levels to build capacity on and awareness of the Convention.

16. The working groups will discuss future activities in this area to further promote and build capacities on the Convention beyond the ECE region to be carried out in 2018 and beyond.

(b) Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level

17. At its seventh session (Budapest, 17–19 November 2015), through its decision VII/3 (see ECE/MP.WAT/49/Add.2), the Meeting of the Parties entrusted the Bureau and the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, in cooperation with non-Parties, key partners and the secretariat, to develop a strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level, including its relationship with the Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses and the role of key partners. The Meeting of the Parties requested that the draft strategy be submitted to it for adoption at its eighth session.

18. The Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management considered a draft of the global strategy for the Convention at its twelfth meeting. The current draft before the working groups was revised by the Bureau with support from the secretariat on the basis of the comments received at and after that meeting. The working groups will discuss the draft revised strategy and agree on the next steps for its finalization and future implementation.

19. In the light of the global opening of the Convention, the working groups will also review the draft revised rules of procedure for the Meeting of the Parties prepared by the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat. The rules of procedure have been revised to reflect the global membership of the Convention and will be submitted for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties at its eighth session.

20. Finally, the working groups will discuss a draft decision on the designation and responsibilities of focal points prepared by the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, before its submission to the Meeting of the Parties for adoption at its eighth session.

Documentation

Draft strategy for implementation of the Convention at the global level (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/4-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/4)

Draft decision on the designation and responsibilities of focal points (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/5-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/5)

Draft revised rules of procedure for the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/6-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/6)

7. Reporting under the Convention and on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2

Tentative timing: Tuesday 29 May, 11.45 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–3.45 p.m.

21. At its seventh session, the Meeting of the Parties adopted decision VII/2 (see ECE/MP.WAT/49/Add.2), introducing a reporting mechanism under the Convention. In accordance with decision VII/2, reporting started with a pilot exercise in 2017 to test the reporting template. In decision VII/2 the Meeting of the Parties encouraged all Parties and non-Parties, especially those sharing basins with Parties and those considering accession to the Convention, to participate in the pilot reporting exercise by submitting to the secretariat their filled-out reporting forms and their comments on the reporting template. On the basis of the reports submitted, the secretariat was asked to prepare a report providing an overview of the Convention's implementation and the advancement of transboundary water cooperation.

22. The introduction of the reporting under the Convention coincided with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets in 2015. Target 6.5 calls for countries to implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate. To measure progress, indicator 6.5.2 was agreed by the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2016 and subsequently adopted in July 2017 by the General Assembly as part of the global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The indicator is defined as the "percentage of transboundary basin area with an operational arrangement for transboundary cooperation". ECE and UNESCO have led the development of the step-by-step methodology to calculate indicator 6.5.2 and have been designated as "custodian agencies" for the indicator.

23. In order to maximize synergies and efficiencies, at the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 18–19 October 2016), it was decided to combine the reporting under the Convention and the reporting on indicator 6.5.2 and to send only one template to all Parties to gather this information.

24. Similarly, all other countries in the world sharing transboundary waters were invited to report on indicator 6.5.2 through a questionnaire which, in addition to a section on the calculation of indicator 6.5.2, includes three other sections based on the Convention's reporting template. This makes it possible to outline a complete picture of the situation concerning transboundary water cooperation, track progress more closely beyond the indicator value and better describe the current baseline.

25. All Parties were invited to report under the Convention and on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 by 15 May 2017. All other countries were invited to report on indicator 6.5.2 by 15 June 2017. Countries were requested to send their reports to both ECE and UNESCO. As of 28 February 2018, 106 countries have submitted a reply.

26. The working groups will be informed by representatives of ECE and UNESCO about the initial outcomes of the reporting on indicator 6.5.2, the validation of reports and the data submitted to the United Nations Statistics Division. The working groups will also be updated on the next steps in terms of the analysis of the data at the global level, namely in the framework of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals to be submitted to the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2018, the preparation of a synthesis report on Sustainable Development Goal 6 on clean water and sanitation by UN-Water and the preparation of a global baseline report on indicator 6.5.2 by ECE and UNESCO. Progress on the integrated monitoring of water and sanitation-related Sustainable Development Goal targets initiative (GEMI),[8] operating under the UN-Water umbrella, will also be presented. Representatives of ECE and UNESCO will also present future initiatives to support future reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and promote the use of reports to foster transboundary water cooperation.

27. The ECE secretariat will inform the working groups about the report on the Convention's implementation and the advancement of transboundary water cooperation in States Parties to be prepared by the secretariat for the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

28. Subsequently, representatives of ECE and UNESCO will report on the outcomes of the technical meeting on the template for reporting on indicator 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention (Budapest, 16–17 January 2018). The working groups will discuss the revision of the template for reporting under the Convention and the draft decision on reporting under the Convention to be submitted to the Meeting of the Parties for adoption at its eighth session.

29. Finally, the working groups will discuss future work in this area beyond 2018, such as the development of a guide on reporting under the Convention.

Documentation

Draft decision on reporting and revised template for reporting under the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/7-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/7)

Informal document

Report of the technical meeting on the template for reporting on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 and under the Water Convention, jointly prepared by ECE and UNESCO (Budapest, 16–17 January 2018) (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.5-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.5)

8. Support for implementation and application of the Convention

Tentative timing: Tuesday 29 May, 3.45–4.30 p.m.

(a) Assistance supporting countries' accession to and implementation of the Convention through projects on the ground and capacity development

30. The working groups will be briefed on the progress achieved in different projects supporting implementation of the Convention in countries of Eastern and South-Eastern

[8] For more information, see UN-Water, "Monitor and Report", available from http://www.unwater.org/gemi/en/ and http://www.sdg6monitoring.org/ (accessed on 8 March 2018).

Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The working groups will provide comments as needed, including on the future development of such projects.

(b) Implementation Committee

31. The working groups will be informed about the outcome of the ninth meeting of the Implementation Committee (Geneva, 7–9 March 2018; see ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2018/2) as well as the preparation of the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties. Considering that the term of five members of the Committee will expire at the next session of the Meeting of the Parties, the procedures for nomination and election of candidates will be recalled (see ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2, decision VI/1, annex II).

9. Identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary water cooperation

Tentative timing: Tuesday 29 May, 4.30 p.m.–5.15 p.m.

32. At its seventh session, the Meeting of the Parties decided to support Parties and other States, at their request, in improving cooperation on their transboundary waters: (a) by highlighting the potential to generate a broad range of significant benefits for cooperating countries, on the basis of the *Policy Guidance Note on the Benefits of Transboundary Water Cooperation : Identification, Assessment and Communication* (ECE/MP.WAT/47) (Policy Guidance Note);[9] and (b) by providing a forum to assess and communicate such benefits in order to support the strengthening of ongoing cooperation.

33. The working groups will be briefed on progress in the application of the Policy Guidance Note in a number of basins worldwide, such as the Okavango, Sio-Malaba-Malakisi and Drina River basins, and the outcomes of the global workshop, "Moving forward transboundary water cooperation: Building on its benefits" (Geneva, 6–7 February 2018). The plans for preparing a summary brochure on the outcomes of the benefit assessment exercises will also be presented. Subsequently, the working groups will discuss future activities in this area of work beyond 2018.

Documentation

Informal document

Annotated outline of the brochure on the outcomes of the benefit assessment exercises (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.6-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.6)

10. The water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins

Tentative timing: Tuesday 29 May, 5.15–6 p.m.

34. At its seventh session, the Meeting of the Parties adopted the methodology for the assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus developed in the triennium 2013–2015, encouraged its further use and decided to undertake further nexus assessments and promote the findings and solutions identified. The progress achieved in this area of work will be presented and discussed, in particular the assessment for the Drina, the ongoing assessment of the North-Western Sahara Aquifer System, the work undertaken in the Drin basin and experience sharing to support application of the nexus approach in the Niger

[9] Available from http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41340&L=0.

basin.[10] Subsequently, the working groups will be informed about the planned synthesis publication, which will summarize the experience from applying the methodology and lessons learned from the assessments, building on a number of publications, reports and policy briefs published on the nexus. Finally, the working groups will discuss future work on the water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus beyond 2018.

35. Participants will be informed about the outcomes of the global workshop on water allocation in the transboundary context (Geneva, 16–17 October 2017). Subsequently, the working groups will discuss future work in this area beyond 2018.

Documentation

Informal document

Outline of the synthesis document on the nexus for the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.7-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.7)

11. Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 10–11 a.m.

36. Participants will be briefed on the outcomes of the "International Workshop on Water Scarcity: Taking action in transboundary basins and reducing health impacts" (Geneva, 11–12 December 2017), a joint activity under the Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health, and the ninth meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate (Geneva, 13 December 2017). The working groups will also review progress on the pilot projects and other activities on climate change adaptation under the Convention.

37. Participants will also discuss input to global processes on climate change and disaster risk reduction. In particular, they will review and provide comments to the draft Words into action "Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation". This guide was prepared by a drafting group under the Task Force on Water and Climate in cooperation with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and aims at providing direction for implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 with regard to water resources management. The working groups will provide comments, as needed, on the draft, as well as the steps to be taken to finalize it for publication.

38. Subsequently, the working groups will discuss future activities on climate change adaptation under the Convention beyond 2018.

Documentation

Informal document

Draft words into action Implementation Guide for Addressing Water-Related Disasters and Transboundary Cooperation (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.8-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.8)

[10] See, e.g., *Reconciling Resource Uses in Transboundary Basins: Assessment of the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus* (ECE/MP.WAT/46). Available from http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41427.

12. Water and industrial accidents

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 11–11.20 a.m.

39. The working groups will review progress in the implementation of the workplan for 2017–2018 of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents. It will discuss the draft guidance on firefighting water retention in a transboundary context. Subsequently, it will discuss possible future activities beyond 2018 in this area.

Documentation

Draft safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water: general recommendations (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/8-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/8)

Draft safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water: technical and organizational recommendations (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/9-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/9)

13. European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 11.20 a.m.–12 p.m.

40. Participants will be updated on recent developments in the European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management (facilitated by ECE) and Water Supply and Sanitation (facilitated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development). Subsequently, the working groups will discuss future activities in this area beyond 2018.

14. International Water Assessment Centre

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 12–12.30 p.m.

41. The International Water Assessment Centre was officially opened in Kazakhstan on 7 December 2018. A representative of Kazakhstan will brief the working groups on the Centre's terms of reference and planned activities.

Documentation

Informal document

Draft workplan of the International Water Assessment Centre for 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.9-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.9)

15. Ongoing programme of work for 2016–2018

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 12.30–1 p.m.

42. The working groups will review overall progress made in the implementation of the Convention's programme of work for 2016–2018, and make adjustments, if necessary. They will also be informed about the financial situation of the Convention's trust fund.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2016–2018 (ECE/MP.WAT/49/Add.1)

Informal document

Report on contributions and expenditures for the implementation of the programme of work (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.10-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.10)

16. Programme of work for 2019–2021 and preparations for the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 3–5.45 p.m.

43. Participants will be informed in detail of the outcomes of the consultative process of the development of the programme of work for 2019–2021, which consisted of discussions in the different intergovernmental bodies, an online survey and selected interviews. On this basis, a draft programme of work for 2019–2021 had been prepared by the Bureau. Also taking into account the discussions under previous agenda items, the working groups will discuss the draft future programme of work for 2019–2021, including potential lead countries for the various work areas. When discussing the programme of work, the working groups will also consider the resources needed for its implementation and how to raise them. In addition, they will discuss the strengthening of cooperation with partner organizations.

44. The working groups will also discuss and agree upon the future institutional structure under the Convention and the mandate of the different subsidiary bodies to guide the implementation of the 2019–2021 programme of work.

45. The working groups will agree on how to finalize the draft programme of work to be submitted to the Meeting of the Parties for adoption at its eighth session.

46. A representative of Kazakhstan, host country of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties, and the secretariat will report on the organizational preparations for the meeting and the overall programme of events for the eighth session, in particular the high-level segment. The working groups will be invited to make comments.

Documentation

Draft programme of work for 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/3-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/3)

Informal documents

Proposals for the programme of work for 2019–2021 from different bodies and workshops under the Water Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.1-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.1)

Main outcomes of the online survey exercise for the development of the programme of work 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.2-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.2)

Main outcomes of interviews carried out for the development of the programme of work 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.3-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.3)

Draft programme of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/INF.11-ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2018/INF.11)

17. Date and venue of the next meetings of the working groups

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 5.45–5.50 p.m.

47. The working groups will discuss the preliminary date and venue for their next meetings. They will also be informed of the schedule of other meetings under the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health.

18. Other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 5.50–6 p.m.

48. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

19. Closure of the meeting

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 30 May, 6 p.m.

49. The Co-Chairs will close the meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 May 2018.